

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE
Board of Mayor and Aldermen

July 14, 2020
6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Bickers, Alderman Gormley, Vice Mayor Smith, Alderman Pugh

Absent: Alderman Holley

Others Present: Accountants Don and Julie Teffeteller and two citizens.

Mayor Bickers called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Bickers led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

MOTION by Gormley to approve the minutes of the June 09, 2020 meeting of the BMA.
Second by Smith. VOTE: UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor's Report and Approval of Monthly Financial Report:

Financial report for month ending June 30 was reviewed.

As of 06/30/2020 \$2, 264,275.34

MOTION by Smith to accept the June monthly financial report. Second by Gormley. VOTE:
UNANIMOUS. **MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor Bickers reminded everyone to respond to the current U. S. Census. Funds for the TOL from the State are based on this census and over \$1000 is appropriated from State tax for each citizen in the TOL. Surprisingly, two areas in the TOL that are lagging in response are Jackson Bend and Lashbrooke at less than 60% response rate. Mayor asked all citizens to encourage others to complete their census to insure the TOL receives its share of State tax dollars.

Mayor Bickers communicated the importance of wearing masks as the COVID-19 numbers continue to rise. Masks will remain mandatory in the Town Hall.

Mayor Bickers reported that no final decision has been made on the status of having the Louisville Cleanup on October 10. The virus numbers will continue to be monitored and a final decision will be made by mid-September. Since this can be a totally outdoors event with social spacing, there is a high probability this event can be held.

Mayor Bickers reported that Ray Evans has resigned from the BZA. Ray has moved to Knoxville and will be unable to serve. Mayor Bickers requested that anyone who knows a possible candidate to please let him know.

Citizens Comments: None.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING A REFERENDUM ON THE ISSUE OF LIQUOR BY THE DRINK

Mayor Bickers reviewed the background for this resolution. Mayor Bickers noted that several TOL citizens have circulated a petition to have a referendum on the November ballot for this issue. Recently, the government of Blount County initiated discussion for having a county wide referendum on this issue. The Blount County commission will vote July 16 whether to have this referendum on the November ballot. If this action is taken by Blount County, the TOL will not have to file a petition but would vote on the issue county wide. Maryville and Alcoa citizens would not vote on this issue since the liquor by the drink has been previously approved in those cities.

MOTION by Bickers to approve the resolution as proposed. Second by Gormley.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES

Resolution 2020-03 Passes.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF LOUISVILLE, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING IN 2020 (Final Reading)

Mayor Bickers reviewed the budget status for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

MOTION by Bickers to approve amending the previously approved Ordinance 2020-01 on second reading. Second by Gormley. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS.**
MOTION PASSES

MOTION by Bickers to approve the ordinance as proposed. Second by Smith.
VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES

Ordinance 2020-01 Passes.

Other Action/Discussion Items:

1. Octoberfest: Mayor Bickers reviewed the staff discussions concerning the feasibility of have the Octoberfest event on October 17. Staff comments indicate that with the COVID-19 numbers rising, this event would be subject to significant risk for spreading infection without extreme modifications to the standard format for the event. Mayor Bickers recommended that the event be cancelled this year and there was consensus among members of the BMA.

Alderman Pugh suggested that maybe we could hold a small event with perhaps food trucks for local citizens. Mayor Bickers will suggest that staff look at this or other possibilities to promote community participation in lieu of the Octoberfest.

Announcements/Comments from Individual Aldermen: None

MOTION by Gormley to adjourn the meeting; Second by Smith, VOTE: UNANIMOUS.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:57 PM



Mayor

Town Recorder